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WHAT OUR DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL 4-H
CLUB CAMP HAVE DONE

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A radio talk by Miss Elsie Trabue, Assistant State Club Leader, Storrs, Connecticut, delivered Saturday, June 4, 1932, in the National 4-H club radio program, broadcast by a network of 58 NBC radio stations.

Good afternoon 4-H club members and friends:

The word camp in itself has a charm for every young person. But imagine you are to attend such a camp as Mr. Farrell has described. A camp into which you can't buy your way. A camp which you may attend only by earning your right to be there (and only one out of one to two thousand may do that). Then you can imagine the thrill with which our four Connecticut delegates (and those from the other states) are looking forward to the week of June 15.

Mary Idzkowski has told you her own story. But as she is a little shy even behind the microphone, she did not tell of the pride with which her mother took me to the cellar to show me what was left of the 359 jars of fruits and vegetables which Mary had canned that year; how her mother tried to explain to me in her broken English (for Mary's parents came from Poland) that she herself had never tried canning many vegetables, but how Mary had learned this and many other things through her club and what a help this had been at home. Nor did she say that being the oldest daughter at home in a large family there were many demands on her. She is, but in spite of that, she always found time when called upon by her club leader or agent to do anything toward helping her club or community from cleaning up the old building donated for the use of the 4-H members to speaking in communities where they knew little about this branch of the extension work. This practical use to which Mary has put the information she had gained through six years of club experience plus her readiness to do for others, have earned her the right to be here today.

Dorothy Doane, Connecticut's other girl to attend the camp, has been a club member for over five years besides leading a club of younger girls successfully for one and a half years. She is the quiet retiring type. She has never been in the foreground directing, but one could be sure that in the background she was quietly gathering her little force about her and helping to make things go. For years, she has made her own clothing including her tailored wool suit, berets, and hats; she has also done much of the family mending and sewing. The excellence of Dorothy's work is shown by the winning of 19 awards at the State Club Exhibit. She always has been a clothing club member, but she has filled her summers full with many other activities-- raising a flower garden, baking, canning, doing handicraft work. She puts into practice the things she learns at extension demonstrations in her home community and at the 4-H Club week at college which she attended for five consecutive summers. She never failed the County 4-H Fair Association -- ever one of its most tireless workers. Though much of her work has not been of the type to bring cash returns, at least not for herself, still she has realized \$90 in profits and has now \$151 in the bank which she is saving toward her college education.

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George Kingsbury who is twenty years old is one of a thoroughly 4-H club minded family. George won a trip to the National Dairy Show several years ago and two of his sisters have been awarded National 4-H club honors. At one time five members of the family were local leaders and three were club members. Good Jersey cattle are kept on the Kingsbury farm and naturally dairy club work has been George's chief project although he has also carried on activities in forestry and gardening. George is just starting his third year of leadership work, is a member of the County Senior 4-H club and very active in the local Grange and church activities. George has always planned to be a farmer and is on the home farm with his father at present. What club work has meant to George is best expressed in his own words - "Probably aside from the home influence, club work has helped me more than any other single association in developing a pride in my work, confidence in myself, and ability to get along with other people."

Edward Gilbert has only a three-year club record but you will agree that it is a good one. His father was a carpenter and a few years ago fell from a ladder injuring his spine. He was unable to carry on his trade. The family found an inexpensive place in the country to see what could be done at making a living with dairying as a family business. When sixteen years old, Edward joined a dairy club and bought a purebred jersey heifer with money he had earned at odd jobs. Now at nineteen, he owns five jerseys valued at \$1,000 and on February 1, 1932 had made \$372.35 on them. He has the most complete set of records of any club member in the state. The Gilberts retail their own milk - Mr. Gilbert being able to drive a car. Edward writes that 4-H club work has changed his entire viewpoint on dairying. Instead of a day's work beginning and ending with chores, it has come be a business both profitable and pleasant.